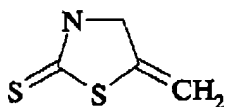


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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the application to recite the allowable claim as suggested by the Examiner for purposes of interference. However, Applicants believe this claim to have already been in the application as filed. The table below compares Claim 2, as originally filed, to Claim 1 of the patent and the suggested claim for copying.

Applicants Original Claim 2	Claim 1 of 5,679,796	Suggested Claim for Copying
<p>A process for preparing a compound of the formula</p> <p>I,</p> <p>which comprises reacting a compound of the formula</p> <p>(II)</p> <p>in free form or in salt form, with a chlorinating agent.</p>	<p>Process for the preparation of 2-chloro-5-chloromethylthiazole of the formula (I)</p> <p>(I)</p> <p>characterized in that 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione of the formula (II)</p> <p>(II)</p> <p>in which R1 represents hydrogen or the group R2-CO-, in which R2 represents alkyl or optionally substituted phenyl, are reacted with a chlorinating agent, optionally in the presence of a diluent.</p>	<p>Process for the preparation of 2-chloro-5-chloromethylthiazole of the formula (I)</p> <p>(I)</p> <p>characterized in that 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione of the formula (II)</p> <p>II,</p> <p>is reacted with a chlorinating agent, optionally in the presence of a diluent.</p>